



GREGORY D. TOTTEN
District Attorney

NEWS RELEASE

vcdistrictattorney.com

Twitter: @VenturaDAOoffice

Contact: Scott Hendrickson
Senior Deputy District Attorney
Telephone: (805) 654-3944
E-mail: scott.hendrickson@ventura.org
Approved: MDS *m ds*
Date: Thursday July 25, 2019
Release No.: 19-084

Arizona Man Sentenced in Metrolink Fatality

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that on July 24, 2019, Jose Alejandro Sanchez-Ramirez (DOB 9/26/60), of Yuma, Arizona, was sentenced to 3 years probation and 30 days in the Ventura County jail. Sanchez-Ramirez had previously pled guilty to misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter. The charge stems from the February 24, 2015, Metrolink grade-crossing collision and train derailment in Oxnard, in which train engineer Glenn William Steele was killed and others were injured.

Sanchez-Ramirez was southbound on Rice Avenue approaching 5th Street in Oxnard at approximately 5:30 a.m. after traveling from Arizona. He made a right turn short of the intersection onto the railroad tracks and continued driving his truck towing a trailer until it became immobilized. Sanchez-Ramirez abandoned his vehicle and did not notify authorities of his predicament.

The case was investigated by the Oxnard Police Department in conjunction with the National Transportation Safety Board.

###

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 280 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and other professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.

Follow the Ventura County District Attorney's Office on Twitter @VenturaDAOoffice